

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: HARRIS ET AL.

Examiner: JOHN M. COONEY

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Title:

OPEN PORE BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES

## **REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

## Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

- This application claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/042,198 filed March 31, 1997.

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